

REMARKS

Claims 31, 34-39 and 44-47 are pending in the present application. Claims 31 and 34 had been previously amended. New claims 44-47 had been previously added. Claims 1-30, 32-33 and 40-43 have been cancelled without prejudice.

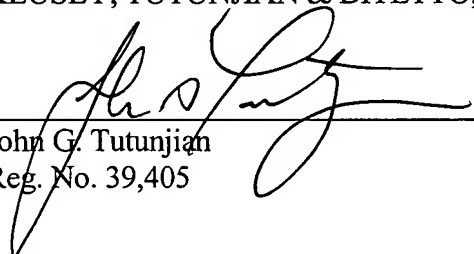
In the Office Action mailed July 21, 2007, the Examiner stated that the Applicant's previous reply filed on May 11, 2007 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the Applicant had not identified the newly added claims as corresponding to the elected invention.

Applicant hereby states that the newly added claims 44-47 belong to the elected species (species II: a beverage container).

It is therefore respectfully asserted that the Applicant has fully responded to the prior Office Action. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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